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SUBJ: PROPOSED COMIDEASTFOR LECTURE IN DELHI

REF: USDAO DELHI MESSAGE 3 APR 73, COMIDEASTFOR
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JOINT STATE/ DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. WE HAVE TWO PROBLEMS WITH PROPOSAL RADM HANKS TO
ADDRESS INDIAN NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE AS CONVEYED BY
LTGEN BATRA. FIRST RELATES TO NATURE OF VISIT. DAO
MESSAGE SPEAKS OF THIS AS " UNOFFICIAL." IN VIEW OF
RECURRENT TROUBLES WE HAVE HAD ON THIS SCORE WITH INDIANS
ABOUT COMIDEASTFOR, VISIT BY HIM WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE
UNLESS NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE EXTENDS HIM " OFFICIAL"
INVITATION. DAO MESSAGE UNCLEAR ON THIS POINT. ALSO,
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IF RADM HANKS COMES, WE WOULD WANT IT UNDERSTOOD THAT HE WOULD USE HIS FLAG AIRCRAFT AND WOULD PAY COURTESY CALLS ON INDIAN NAVY OFFICERS AS APPROPRIATE TO HIS COMMAND.

2. SECOND PROBLEM RELATES TO TIMING AND SUBJECT MATTER OF PROPOSED LECTURE. FRANKLY ONE WEEK IS INSUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE RADM HANKS NECESSARY BACKGROUND MATERIAL AND TO PREPARE TEXT OF REMARKS FOR HIS USE ON SO SENSITIVE A SUBJECT AS " POST- VIETNAM AMERICAN GLOBAL MILITARY STRATEGY WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO SOUTH ASIA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN." ALLOWING FOR POUCH TIMES, WE BELIEVE ROUGHLY THREE ADDITIONAL WEEKS REQUIRED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

3. IF YOU CAN SATISFACTORILY RESOLVE QUESTION OF CHARACTER OF INVITATION ALONG LINES PARA ONE ABOVE, WE PREPARED APPROVE HANKS' LECTURE ' HICH PROVIDES USEFUL OPPORTUNITY PRESENT OUR VIEWS TO SENIOR INDIAN MILITARY OFFICERS. YOU SHOULD, HOWEVER, INDICATE THAT NOTICE FOR APRIL 10 DATE TOO SHORT TO FIT INTO HANKS' SCHEDULE, BUT HE COULD BE AVAILABLE IN ABOUT A MONTH. ROGERS

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